a printer disposed along said path for printing specified print data and causing said printed specified print data to appear on said film;

a packaging condition memory which stores packaging conditions for operating said packaging machine;

a print data memory which stores print data from which said specified print data are specified; and

a correlation data memory which stores correlation data between said print data and said packaging conditions, said correlation data memory storing specified ones of said print data in correlation with specified ones of said packaging conditions.

Cancel claims 2, 6 and 14.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-13, 15 and 16 currently remain in this application. Claims 2, 6 and 14 have been cancelled, and claim 1 is herein amended.

Independent claim 1 and claims 2-16 which are all dependent therefrom either directly or indirectly were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Nakagawa in view of Inamura. Claim 1 has been herein amended to incorporate the limitations in claim 2, but this amendment on claim was effected in order to more clearly explain what was meant by "correlation data" between the print data and the packaging condition, without regard to the Examiner's rejection.

Nakagawa was evidently cited for generally disclosing a packaging system, the Examiner relying on Inamura for disclosing a buffer memory 423 (Fig. 31). However, the function of Inamura's buffer memory is to store in a predetermined format prescription data such as the kinds and quantities of drugs and dosage that are inputted from the keyboard 412 (column 11, lines 20-30). In other words, the idea of storing correlation data such as data correlating print data and packaging data and more particularly the idea of storing these data such that each of the print data is stored in correlation with a specified one of the packaging conditions is not disclosed or even hinted at by Inamura. This is to say that it is not a matter of actual correlation data. What Inamura fails to suggest goes deeper into the basic of the

present invention because Inamura fails to disclose any of the following essentials of the present invention:

(1) Data related to the printing must be set, depending on packaging conditions;

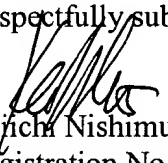
(2) Correlation data between print data and packaging conditions are stored; and

(3) It is possible to set and input packaging conditions and print data in a correctly correlated manner, based on the correlation data memory.

It is therefore believed that the application is in condition for allowance.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A packaging system comprising:

a packaging machine which transports a bag-making film along a path while forming said film into a tubular form, fills said tubularly formed film with articles to be packaged and seals said film to produce a packaged product;

a printer disposed along said path for printing specified print data and causing said printed specified print data to appear on said film;

a packaging condition memory which stores packaging conditions for operating said packaging machine;

a print data memory which stores print data from which said specified print data are specified; and

a correlation data memory which stores correlation data between said print data and said packaging conditions, said correlation data memory storing specified ones of said print data in correlation with specified ones of said packaging conditions.